

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VACUUM DEVICE

- ☒ the specification of which is attached hereto
- ☐ the specification of which was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on _____ and accorded U.S. Application Serial No. _____.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Entry of PCT/EP2004/007764; Filed July 14, 2004

We hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below:

Priority US 60/496,998; Filed August 20, 2003.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

None

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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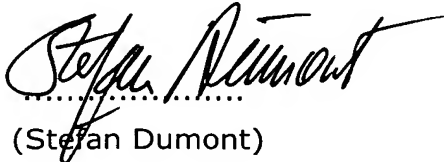
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hereby declare
that I am conversant with the German and English languages and that
the enclosed document is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a
true translation into English of the German language specification
of the PCT Application bearing the International Publication No.
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Cologne, this 3rd day of January, 2006


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